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Statement

STRATEGIES FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY TO ACHIEVE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR ALL

Poverty is more vicious than we think. It has indisputably been one of the leading forces stunting economic and social developments. In 2015, when the United Nations committed to the 2030 agenda for sustainable development, they said, "eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development"

Below are some of the strategies that can help eradicate poverty to achieve sustainable development for all:

- Education: Education has been said to be a way of escaping poverty. It influences how you think and behave. It reduces economic inequalities because disparity between workers from the poor and rich backgrounds would reduce drastically since they received the same education.it creates more people who are ready for the workforce, more workers in a country automatically means fewer people will be unemployed. it is also beneficial to people's health throughout their life time, women who received education would know how to cook healthy meals for their families, they would have knowledge about vaccines, and fitness, people who are educated are better able to protect themselves and their families against diseases. Compulsorily, we need to ensure all our children are educated.

- Skills Development: Everyone has a talent or what he or she is good at, what people need is just to develop expertise to help earn a living. For example, a student of fine art can be an architect; there are people that can fix electrical appliances so they can just venture into electrical works through expertise.

- Government Intervention: The government should focus on the manufacturing sector. The agricultural sector should be reformed. Studies have shown that three quarters of the poor are farmers. Farmers should be provided with infrastructures and they should be given loans. If this sector is developed successfully, its benefits on the economy is going to be huge in the sense that, it would create employment opportunities, growth in national income, also, supplying foods and inputs to the industrial sector, generating foreign exchange and providing a domestic market for non-agricultural goods and services would contribute to the overall growth of the economy.

- Accountability in Governance: Corruption has a long history and this is obvious in Government, A procedural method of check-mating government activities and spending will go a long way in solving the problem of poverty in Nations. This means an efficient financial technology model should be introduced to curb corruption in Government when there is corruption in the land, a lot of things is set to go wrong.

- Equality: The poor should not be treated like the poor. Everyone should have an equal right to justice, social needs, home, food and shelter. Also, poverty alleviation related projects should be directly delivered to beneficiaries so that the rich would not become richer while the poor are getting poorer.

We propose this model solution of eradicating poverty because it is pivotal in a knowledge economy and mandatory for sustained development in all Nations.

Although, no single solution exists to addressing this menace that has immensely challenged the provision of better lifestyle in Nations, but we can help to bridge this gap by applying new approaches and strategies in supporting the people by means of support forum through education, social empowerment, provision of tools and resources for self-starters then encouraging and advising Government at all level on how to promote sustainable development in the society.